

Foggy Bottom Fall Festival

Saturday • October 3 • 12-4 p.m.

The Foggy Bottom Association will host its annual Fall Festival, Saturday, October 3, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Eye Street Mall, near the Metro Station. See page 9 for details.

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On September 1, 1992 the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) approved a motion to reconsider the Foggy Bottom Association's application to designate the Western Presbyterian Church as a Historic Landmark. The HPRB must now hold another hearing to determine if Western Presbyterian should be declared a landmark. That hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m.

The HPRB was persuaded that the first hearing was biased against the FBA. These biases were well documented in

a report prepared by John Ray and approved unanimously by the City Council. Included in the report were instances of procedural errors, manipulation of the quorum prior to the final vote, and negative comments made about Foggy Bottom by the Staff Director of the HPRB. In addition, a member of the HPRB stated that she was not given the opportunity to ask

FBA Wins Western

Presbyterian Reconsideration

important questions and thought a site visit to the church would have been very important.

Testimony at the September 1st hearing was provided by Richard Nettler, counsel retained by the FBA; Chris Lamb, President of the FBA; Sara Maddux, Chair of ANC-2A; and Ramona Lauda, ANC Commissioner. ANC-2A has

joined the FBA on the application. The hearing was well attended by many residents from the community.

The HPRB will hold this hearing to determine the landmark status of Western Presbyterian. Presentations for and against landmarking the church will be heard. The FBA will be relying on testimony from Emily Eig, a professional

in the field of historic preservation. Contributions to support this ongoing effort are needed.

Residents of Foggy Bottom should be aware that construction at the proposed new site (24th and Virginia Ave.) for Western Presbyterian has proceeded throughout the summer. The church can build on this location as a matter of right. However before construction can be completed, the HPRB must make a ruling on the church; and the City Council must approve an alley closing at the H Street site.

Foggy Bottom Association

MEETING

Speaker:

James Gouverneau Banks

Housing Adviser to Mayor Kelly

7:30 P.M. Monday
September 28, 1992

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.

(Next Meeting; Monday, October 26, 1992)



James Gouverneau Banks at September Meeting

A native Washingtonian, Mr. Banks was formerly assistant for housing programs to Mayor Washington of the District of Columbia. He was the Executive Director of the National Capital Housing Authorities and one of the outstanding authorities on Model Cities. He also served as State Historic Preservation Officer.

Mr. Banks is a graduate of Howard University and the University of Pittsburgh and has received many outstanding awards for special assignments, here and in Paris, France and the British West Indies. He also has been a lecturer and instructor at numerous universities including George Washington University.

At present, he is on the Board of Directors of the C&P Telephone Co., Vice Chairman of the Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness, Chairman of the Mental Health Assoc. of the District of Columbia, and President of the District of Columbia Foundation for Vocational Training.

Mr. Banks has just been appointed as Housing Adviser to Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly.

He is known for being a most informative and brilliant speaker. Come early and get a seat!

Highlights of ANC-2A Actions at the June 30, July 9, and August 13, 1992 Meetings

At its special meeting on June 30, 1992, ANC-2A:

- Heard the community's view regarding the forming of a liaison committee from the community to oversee Miriam's Kitchen (held in the Western Presbyterian Church) and the determination by the community that it was premature to form such a committee at this time.

At its regular monthly meeting on July 9, 1992:

- Confirmed to the Department of Public Works the agreement by the ANC and the community that the pedestrian underpass at 26th and K Streets, NW, be closed, permanently, as soon as possible, and preferably with a metal plate or cinderblock.
- Agreed to send a letter to Furrow Auction Company (with a copy of the Zoning Commission) informing the firm that the approved PUD for the site at 26th and L Streets, NW, had expired and, thus, was null and void and that the auction of the property was being conducted under misleading conditions.
- Agreed to send a second letter on the same subject to DCRA asking that the PUD not be reinstated and demonstrating why changed circumstances required this action.
- Agreed to support the application for a liquor license by L&N Seafood at 2401 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, if they would sign a voluntary management agreement; and merely "not to object" to the application, if they did not sign such an agreement.
- Agreed to clarify whether the Inn at Foggy Bottom was in violation of the Zoning Ordinance by offering a carry-out food business and, if so, to send a letter to the Zoning

Safeway and Giant have again launched their programs to provide equipment to our schools in return for their cash register receipts. Although FB does not have many school-age children, it is the home of three D.C. schools. They are the Stevens School on 21st between K and L; Francis School at 24th & N; and the School Without Walls on G between 21st & 22nd.

PLEASE HELP by:

1. Saving all Safeway and Giant cash register receipts;
2. Hang on to them until it's worth a trip to one of these schools; they are VERY grateful; or you can put them in the mail.

3. If you live in a co-op or condo, ask the management if you can place a collection box in a handy place and encourage your neighbors to deposit their receipts on a regular basis. Then empty the boxes regularly and get them to one of the schools. (When one FB resident organized this last year, it netted substantial numbers of receipts for the local schools.)

It's a win-win program; costs you nothing but the groceries you buy anyway, and schools can use every bit of help we can give.

Ellie Becker

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Zoning Administrator and the Inn's owners informing them of the violation.

- Authorized the expenditure of up to \$500 by the WETA/GWU Task Force for expert legal services, up to \$250 by the GSA Heating Plant Task Force for copying services, and \$3,000 as a grant to the Foggy Bottom Association for Historic Preservation activities (excluding litigation and office expenses).

At its regular monthly meeting on August 13, 1992:

- Reaffirmed its action at its February 25, 1992 meeting and requested the District to terminate its contract with Seed Ministries to operate the homeless shelter program at 27th and I Streets, NW.
- Agreed, after determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement was required for the construction site at 24th and G Streets, NW, (the Western Presbyterian Church site), to request such an EIS from the Environmental Control Divi-

sion of DCRA and, if one was required and not yet prepared, to inquire why one was not done.

- Agreed to request the firm responsible for the recycling center at 25th and N Streets, NW, to clean up the site within the next thirty days and, if conditions did not improve, to take up the issue with a formal resolution at the September meeting.
- Opposed any extension of the PUD at 26th and L Streets, NW, and agreed to request the Zoning Commission to record that the approval for the PUD had lapsed.
- Agreed to send a letter to the Mayor clarifying that she (and the rest of the City) were misinformed by the media that the community was in favor of the WETA/GWU Communications Program project, that the community had not yet had time to consider fully the implica-

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tions of the project and had not yet taken a formal stand on the issue, and that the community had long-standing differences with GWU, including the lack of construction of new dormitories and the impact of university expansion into

the community.

- Heard reports from chairs of task forces regarding the GSA heating plant, GWU Campus Plan, and the IMF PUD and heard informational updates on the Cooper Houses and the Blackie's parcel PUD.

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FBA Faces Busy Year

The Foggy Bottom Association is off and running this year with many activities. The new year promises to be as busy as the last. While we will be very active with the Western Presbyterian/IMF project, other issues and events require community interest and support. For example, Jon Nowick, new member of the FBA Executive Board, is actively working with the ANC2A (Charlie Clapp and Ed Kelly) to minimize pollution from the GSA West Heating Plant in Georgetown. The FBA would like to bring the coal-burning smokestacks into compliance with environmental regulations and replace coal burning with a cleaner means of producing heat.

On the **development front**, four issues are likely to confront our community in the fall. The **Association of General Contractors (AGC)** will be petitioning the National Capital Planning Commission for approval of its proposed building on E Street (between 19th and 20th). The FBA's position is that the building is too high and too dense. At **515 20th Street** (next to the AGC building), the owner is trying to obtain a zoning change from SP2 to C3 which would enable the construction of a 90' building. The current site is occupied by a parking garage built in the early 1960s. The FBA has not taken a position on this project. The **Blackies project** at M Street (between 22nd and 23rd) has been put on hold due to the owner's financial difficulties. The FBA expects Blackie Auger to petition the Zoning Commission for approval of a PUD in December. The FBA opposes this project due to the height and bulk of the building and the lack of residential mix. And finally, the owner of the lot at **26th and L** (Dominion Bank) has petitioned the Zoning Commission for an extension of a PUD which was approved in 1989. The owner was required to begin construction in August 1992 but failed

to do so. The FBA opposes an extension to the PUD because the proposed building is out scale with the adjacent buildings and has inadequate long-term residential housing.

The FBA is pursuing litigation with the District government over the illegal demolition of the Beers Building at the **2500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue**. The Association has been trying to work out an agreement which would settle the suit. If an agreement cannot be reached, the case will go to court some time in 1993.

The FBA will hold three meetings this fall (September 28, October 26, and November 23). The **October meeting** will feature a candidate's forum including individuals running for City Council: Ward 2 and the at-large seats. **November's guest speaker** will be George Washington University's President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. All meetings are open to the public and will begin at 7:30. A summary of crime activity in our neighborhood is made at each meeting.

Another important date to remember is the **October 8 ANC2A meeting**. Featured will be a presentation by the Department of Public Works on the proposed renovations to the Whitehurst Freeway. The meeting will be held in Room 103, Fungler Hall, 2201 G Street, N.W.

Of course the FBA has been busy planning its annual fall festival. This is an important fundraiser for the Association and the community's support is needed. All are welcome. Please come early, buy often and enjoy the entertainment. Hope to see you at all these events!

Foggy Bottom Guide

Ready in October

A flyer intended for new FB residents, the "Foggy Bottom Guide," will be ready for distribution about the middle of October. It is fairly brief, but includes a variety of information new (and perhaps some not so new) residents might want to know. Divided into four sections, it covers: (1) What is Foggy Bottom? (2) Services; (3) Local Organizations; and (4) Things You Need to Know. The latter deals with subjects such as parking, trash collection, etc.

It is suggested that it be presented in person, as part of a visit.

To obtain copies for your new neighbors, call 337-5528 after October 15, and leave your name and address on the answering machine. Or if you do not wish to make a personal visit yourself, leave the address of a newcomer and a visit will be arranged. Apartment managers may want to request a small supply for their new tenants or owners.

The "Guide" is intended to make new residents aware that this truly is a neighborhood and hopefully increase their appreciation for Foggy Bottom's uniqueness and desirability.

We Get

Letters ...

Dear President Lamb:

We have moved to North Carolina. Please remove our names from the FBA mailing list. Thank you for all the hard good work you have put in to help us all.

Mary Norris Preyer Oblesby

TO: Betty Olsen

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(A favorite philosophy of Lucille Molinelli.)

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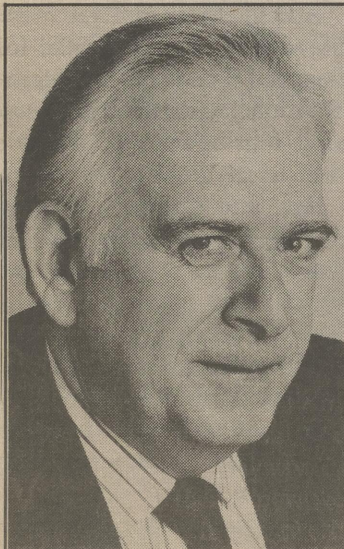
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Seven GW Students Win 1992

Fulbright Awards

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Maria Carillo, a graduate of GW's National Law Center, will research the legal system and the issue of violence against women in the Dominican Republic. Peter Dernbach, a graduate of GW's Elliott School of International Affairs, will journey to Singapore to study Chinese and America's business history in Asia. Deanna Glickman, a graduating senior majoring in international affairs and German, will attend a university in Germany to study the current state of international relations from the German viewpoint.

Christine "Cricket" Keating, a master's degree candidate in women's studies, will study feminist ideology among female activists in Sri Lanka. Kelly Nelson, a doctoral degree candidate in political science at GW, will go to Singapore to study what the Singapore government is doing to expand trade facilities.

Sonja Petersen will complete work on her master's thesis in East Asian Studies while studying in the Philippines. She will research the alternatives being developed by the Philippines. Maria Scalia, a degree candidate in GW's School of Education and Human Development, will go to Germany on a teaching assistantship to study the German education system and to teach English.

When the last issue of the *Foggy Bottom News* came out I made out my check so I'd be the first to join the Foggy Bottom Association. (Have you sent your \$10 check to **Grace Watson**, Membership Director for Life)? Well, even though I slipped it through her door that afternoon I already was in third position because **Helen Marie Fruth** and **Mrs. Edmond Jinks** were first and second respectively. How did you beat me? I just live around the corner. Wow, those memberships are going like hotcakes. Get yours now.

Have on occasion been trying to attend wine and cheese drop-ins at the Bonwit Plaza to see the art of **C. Pamela Palco** but for one reason or another have always missed them. However, during the summer I had visited with **Claire Ciftci** and had seen some of Palco's pastels of Ciftci's beloved pets. Remembering all of my wagers of the past, especially dear, dear Puddin', I wanted to see her work and talk with her about doing a charcoal of all my dear dearly beloveds. Well, when I attended there was not a wall in her flat that wasn't covered by Palco's work. She prefers watercolors and pastels but also does oils and acrylics. There were scenes of their travels (husband Dick also does matting and framing for her work) to Hawaii, Australia, her home country of England, etc.

If you want art of your pets or something that is dear to your heart, ask around and see if you can't be informed when the next wine and cheese get-together will be. You might find something right off the wall, so to speak, just the right one for you to tuck under your arm and take home (one woman had one under each arm as she left) or you might like to talk to Palco as I did about something that was near and dear to my heart. Keep your ears and schedules open.

What is fun, when you go to drop-ins and meetings and such in FB, is meeting new people. At the Palcos I met a marine biologist, **Joan Mitchell**, who opened up new doors for me

Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen



through her work with the government. Gosh, since receiving her undergraduate degree from GWU, master's from San Diego and her doctorate from University of Washington, she had been associated with so many places that I had read about. We discussed lobsters, crabs, her thesis, her life as a Navy Junior; the latter was most interesting. Her father, Vice

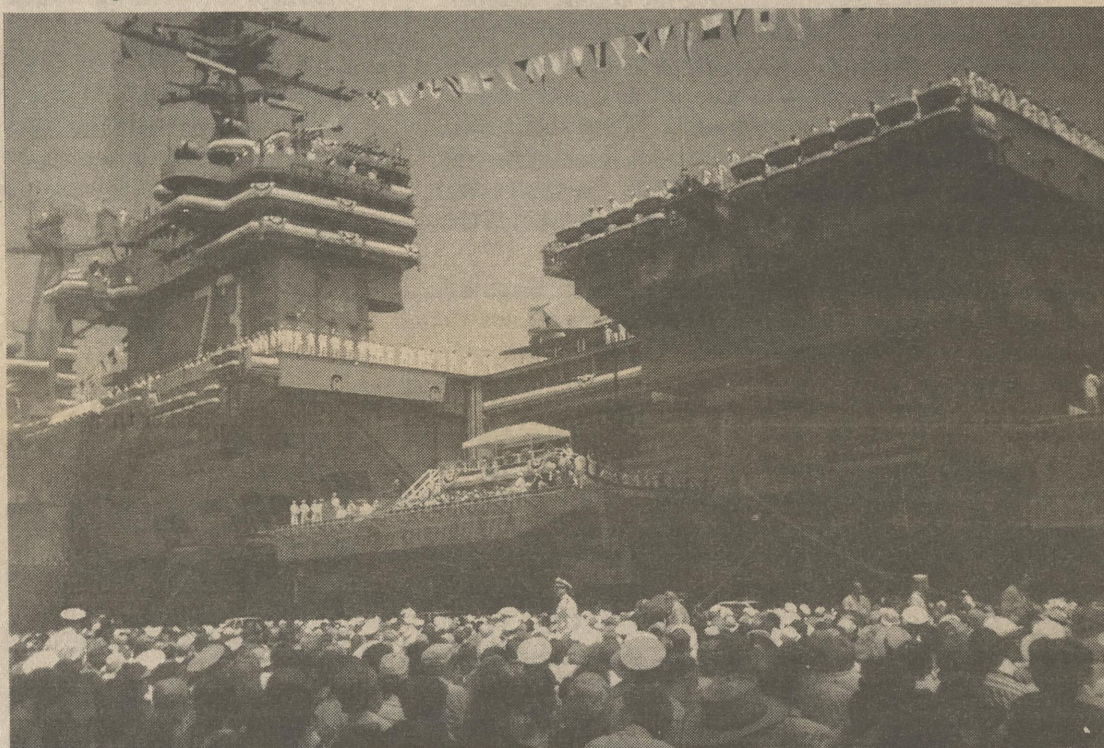
Haven't heard a peep out of **Barney, Sandy Fitch's** Amazon Parrot whose story was in the *News* ("On a Wing and a Prayer"). Guess we'll have to wait for his wing clips to grow out again. Ho, Ho, Sandy, keep that glass door closed this time or hey, hey, **Marlies Backhaus**, ready or not, here he comes. Now remember he does not prefer cocktail style peanuts, Marlies, he likes to shell them himself.

I had another first this summer. Kirsten and I went to the commissioning of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington in Norfolk over the Fourth. What a show! It was such a good one that even **Barbara Bush** was there while the President attended the Daytona NASCAR race

enjoying a place there since '78 and always looks forward to returning.

Laura Sykes of the South Desk of Watergate traveled to Jacksonville, Florida for her first high school reunion. Her parents live in that city too so she got to have a good catch-up conversation with them. Did you recognize anyone, Laura?

Mike Stevenson, the retired US Air person who has unlimited flight time as part of his retirement agreement, took advantage of it again when he flew to South Africa and Southern California this summer. He said that in the former you can still have the best dinner with two bottles of wine for \$10. It is almost worth the car fare to go, huh? Stevenson



Admiral **Lawson Rampage** (Red), deceased, will have a destroyer named after him very soon; he served almost 39 years in the service and during World War II received the honored Congressional Medal of Honor. I was impressed. See how many interesting stories are out there about folks in Foggy Bottom! Get out and meet your neighbors and swap stories.

Received a phone call during the summer from **Felicia Haffmans** of Lake Worth, Florida and it seems a friend of hers in the Bottom sends her a *FB News* each month to enjoy. Well, she has a son in Maryland and one in upstate New York so she visits in the area frequently, about 4 times a year to see them plus she just misses Foggy Bottom. Says she wished she had never moved to Florida — she misses us sooooo. But she does visit and does read the *News* so stays up with all of us. This snippet will update us with you, Felicia. See you next time around.

that same weekend. Barbara was ahead in the polls at that time so I guess she got to pick first. I have to be careful; their abode is just about within our distribution area for the *Foggy Bottom News*.

During the commissioning of the USS George Washington, searched the sea (couldn't resist) of faces I hadn't seen before, when one popped right in front of me, **Harold Sarbacher** down in Norfolk for the day with an admiral friend and his wife in tow (couldn't resist again.)

Pictured is the Come Alive of the USS George Washington aircraft carrier which means all the crew members run on and take their positions as shown; then the radar scans the sky, the bells and whistles sound, lights flash, planes roll; it literally and excitingly . . . comes alive. It is really something to see . . . and . . . hear.

Marilyn Rubin took two weeks off this summer for one of her favorite respites, Rehoboth Beach. She has been

visited his sister in la la land so the price was right there too, I'm sure, and since Sonoma Valley is wine country I'm sure he enjoyed some of the truth serum there as well.

Add another jaunt for **Mike Stevenson** and his suntan lotion, this time to Myrtle Beach. With his unlimited flight time since retiring from US Air he's been on the go from the get-go.

Ran into **Catalina Trevino** one night at Safeway and she was telling me of her trip to the World Exposition in Seville, Spain. Interesting, most interesting for her, since she had lived in Madrid for five years when she was with the State Department. She now resides in the Circle Arms.

A frequent visitor, **Vic Morren**, who reads the *Foggy Bottom News* regularly in Teaneck, NJ, headed to Spain this summer also with the NBC team covering the Olympics.

You know it would be interesting to us — me — to know how many people in places other

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Rev. **Darwin Price**, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, was selected as a Foggy Bottom Friend in the Summer '92 issue of *By George*. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy, man, . . . rector. He is soooo friendly. The neighborhood is certainly a nicer place with him in our midst.

Henrietta Zoltrow celebrated her August birthday again and again this year. She was hailed at a Foggy Bottom Board Meeting held at **Sandra Vonetes'** place in Columbia Plaza. I didn't hear which one this was, Henrietta. Huh, I can't hear you.

Bob Charles was busy over the summer backing his choices of **John Ray** and **Jack Evans**. Even had the neighbors over for a patio serving of wine and cheese and chatter.

Margaret Campbell Dunsmore arrived at George Washington Hospital in July to new parents **Whitney Taylor Dunsmore** and **Barrie Dunsmore**. Dad is a diplomatic correspondent for ABC News in Washington and mother is a barrister. Margaret is the couple's first.

Received a note from **Rennie Melanson** mentioning library books being underlined or highlighted. Now c'mon — it's not your book so respect other people's property; library books belong to us all and unless you

get an okay from all of us keep your pens and highlighters capped.

Also had a suggestion from another Foggy Bottomite — which was cleaning up after your pet for hygiene's sake. Pets don't know better but you should. If the shoe fits —. Just take a plastic bag and towel or if you are an ex-New Yorker a pooper scooper that will do the job nicely and the complaints of non-pet people or pet people who do follow these procedures won't be heard again.

Lorenzo Smith of St. Mary's Episcopal Church filled in for the full choir as a soloist off and on during the summer. I've talked to Smith on the phone but then I attended the church's Spiritual Song program one Sunday which completed their 125th anniversary celebration, and heard him sing, and I haven't been the same again. He has the clearest tenor voice. I will never sing again even in the car or shower.

Many members of the St. Mary's Episcopal Choir went on to bigger and better things (could that be possible) such as **Jessye Norman** to the Metropolitan Opera as well as **George Shirley**.

Over summer a group of residents of St. Mary's Court took a bus tour to Amish Country in Pennsylvania. The good time was reported in the Court Cable by **Florine Jones**.

New residents of the Court are **Gertrude Green** and **Patricia Murray**. Welcome to Foggy Bottom.

Sincerest sympathy to **Ed Donaldson**, the husband of **Sherry Donaldson** who died during the summer months. Mrs. Donaldson was active at St. Stephen's, in the Foggy Bottom Association and she attended regular Metropolitan Police monthly meetings with an interest in crime prevention in our area.

Dr. Mary Louise Ortenzo died after a long illness in September. Services were held for family and friends at Dahlgren Chapel at Georgetown University followed by a reception. Dr. Ortenzo was associated with the George Washington University for many years.

Rennie Remembers Pittsburgh . . . No Longer A Smoky Steeltown!



About 7 A.M. on Friday, August 7th, I was picked up outside of Potomac Plaza for the trip by bus to Pennsylvania with Encore, Inc. After picking up the remainder of passengers in the Metro area, we drove to "Falling Waters," — designed in 1936 by Frank Lloyd Wright for Edgar J. Kaufmann. It is the only remaining great Wright house with its setting, original furnishings and art work intact. After a tasteful lunch under the trees outside the cafe there, we proceeded to Pittsburgh to our hotel, the Pittsburgh Hilton at Gateway Center, facing the Allegheny River. The city is known, among other things, for bridges of which there are an unusual number, and the Ohio and Monongahela Rivers that meet the Allegheny. Departed by van for lovely Station Square where we had a scrumptious meal in the former Men's Club of the beautifully restored Victorian train terminal, built in 1901. The main terminal is now called "Grand Concourse Restaurant," and the surrounding former railroad buildings house 70 specialty shops and restaurants.

Then we drove over to the riverfront to take a short hour-cruise tour (narrated); it was a comfortable temperature, so it was enjoyable being outdoors on a boat at night. Returned to the Hilton about 10:00 p.m.

On Saturday, August 8th, had a buffet breakfast at the hotel before going on a walking tour

of the downtown area, including PPG Place, glass complex of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, which is quite unique in architecture. Drove over to the University of Pittsburgh to see the 42-story Cathedral of Learning, where we visited 13 Nationality Classrooms, tributes to heritages of ethnic groups of the city and funded by those communities (so far there are 23 nations represented); our guide was a knowledgeable student of the University, trained especially in ethnic history. Walked over to Heinz Chapel, which is beautiful, having the tallest stained glass windows in the world, I believe. Ate lunch in Carnegie Museum Cafe; then went on guided tour to Carnegie's Legacy, an interesting museum of replicas (Greek, Roman, etc.) and saw Impressionist paintings, as well. Drove around the campus area, Oakland, Carnegie-Mellon Tech campus, the Medical Center, Schenley Park, and Phipps Conservatory before returning to the hotel. For dinner, we were taken to the Mellon Bank Building, where we ate at the charming Carlton Restaurant — excellent food and service.

Was then surprised with a ride in a white Cadillac limousine, hired by tour director Marilyn Rubin (of Columbia Plaza) for a short ride to the Benedum Center, formerly a lovely movie theatre, where "Showboat" was featured. (I understand it was very entertaining — another gal and I strolled back to the Hilton to meet friends residing in the suburbs.) Although the hotel was quiet in all of the rooms/hallways, it was transformed into a noisy place in the lovely lobby as well as the pavement — there were vendors of food, crowds galore, and across the street were tents, etc. set up for the Three Rivers Regatta's 15th year. (Luckily my room was in the rear!)

Sunday, August 9th, after breakfast at hotel, drove over to the Duquesne Incline for a short ride to the top of Mt. Washing-

ton in a cable car, operated since 1877 (now electricity instead of steam, of course). Enjoyed the view from the deck and took a short walk down Grand View Avenue. Drove around North Side, Shady Side, Squirrel Hill, Point Breeze — all areas of Pittsburgh which have many beautiful large houses and parks. In Shadyside we ate at a restaurant called "Max & Erma's," full of posters, paintings, antique pieces, etc., and brass railings between booths. (I even made myself a Hot Fudge Sundae — there is a white bathtub (with feet) that contained pots of hot fudge, nuts, jimmies, strawberries, whipped cream and a container of vanilla ice cream. Delicious but full of calories — once a year I think I deserve such a treat!)

Had a tour later at the Biblical Garden of the Rodef Shalom Synagogue, which was very lovely and informative. Also, went inside the huge synagogue, which had beautiful decor & stained glass windows. We were even allowed to see one of the Torahs up close! We then were driven over to the estate of the late Henry Clay Frick, called "Clayton." First we went into the Carriage House to see carriages and a Lincoln sedan in excellent condition. The tour guide pointed out every detail of rooms on two floors of the magnificent mansion; it actually has 23 rooms full of art, and antique furnishings. There is also a greenhouse, children's playhouse, the Frick Art Museum on many acres. Clayton was part of "Millionaire's Row," and was designed by a Mr. Vandervoort in the 1890s. Mr. Frick was a famous industrialist/art collector.

Departed Pittsburgh about 5 P.M. and ate enroute at delightful "General Store" of Bob Evans Farm, where we enjoyed very tasty food and quaint decor. Arrived in Washington, D.C. area about 11:30 P.M. Was left at corner of Potomac Plaza (my home) with a smile, having spent three days of sight-seeing and good eating; and rides with sweet and capable driver DeeDee of Potomac Valley Bus Company; and, of course, the other 20 ladies and three men in our group, who enjoyed the trip, also, I'm certain!

I have gone with Marilyn Rubin's bus tours many times and have always had a good time. I hope that those of you who like to travel with nice people (mostly world-travelers, really) will join one of the Encore tours!

Rennie Melanson

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Adopt a Red Christmas Bow

It won't be long before we will be thinking snow and Christmas. This year the Historic District of Foggy Bottom will be decorated for the Merry Season with big red bows on the lampposts. We are going to keep the price down but still do it right, so if you have a few dollars to help us buy the bows (to be used from year to year), make a check out to the Foggy Bottom Association and mail it to the West End Library, 24th & L Streets, so we can begin making plans. Be sure to designate on your check FOR: Christmas Decorations or something appropriate.

Foggy Bottom/West End Crime Report Western's Wimberly Writes:

C.A. Mitchell

Theft from automobiles continued to be the most common crime in Foggy Bottom with 114 incidents reported during the summer. Serious crimes included armed robbery (16), assault with a deadly weapon (9), and assault with intent to rape (1).

Foggy Bottom residents will be interested to learn that Officer Martin F. Bordell of the Metropolitan Police Department has retired. Bordell served on the force for 22 years, the last two as an officer in the Community Services Division assigned to the Foggy Bottom area. He attended Foggy Bottom Association meetings regularly, worked on Neighborhood Watch, and provided security advice to residents and business owners. We all wish Officer Bordell well in his retirement.

The criminal activity reported in the Foggy Bottom/West End areas for June, July, and August includes:

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

6/1 1100 21st Street 1:20a
6/15 New Hamp Ave and M Street 1:55a
7/16 2150 M Street 10:15p
7/20 2300 L Street 11:05p
7/28 2100 M Street 6:45p
8/2 2626 Penn Ave 0:45a
8/9 23rd and Wash Circle 1:45a
8/15 2125 M Street 2:30a
8/17 2400 Penn Ave 7:10p

Assault with Intent to Rape

7/10 900 25th Street 3:00a

Robberies

6/4 23rd & G Street 8:10p force
6/9 2400 Penn Ave 10:52a knife

6/13 2601 Virginia Ave 5:40p snatch
6/19 2300 I Street 11:55a pickpocket
6/21 New Hamp Ave & H Street 0:25a knife
6/24 2400 H Street 8:00p assault
7/3 1000 26th Street 2:30a force
7/4 1110 New Hamp Ave 0:27a knife
7/15 1000 25th Street 0:05a hands
7/30 23rd & M Street 1:30a force
7/31 26th & I Street 7:55a gun
8/2 23rd & Virginia Ave 2:30p snatch
8/4 2400 L Street 1:25a rifle
8/5 24th & Penn Ave 5:10a hands
8/10 2100 N Street 4:30p fear
8/29 23rd & Virginia Ave 0:30a knife

Simple Assault

6/2 730 24th Street 9:30p
6/12 2514 Penn Ave 11:20p
6/12 2600 Penn Ave 11:10p
6/20 2300 M Street 8:00p
6/22 2600 Virginia Ave 2:00p
7/13 1100 New Hamp Ave 1:45a
7/13 500 23rd Street 7:50p
7/14 1200 New Hamp Ave 7:18a
7/17 736 22nd Street 4:28p
7/25 2100 M Street 2:35a
7/27 2300 M Street 10:00a
8/2 1100 21 Street 3:00a
8/2 New Hamp Ave & M Street 2:00a
8/5 22nd & M Street 5:15p
8/7 1 Wash Circle 6:00p
8/13 2100 M Street 1:25a
8/31 1275 25th Street 1:00a

Burglaries/Thefts in Residences

6/3 725 24th Street
6/6 1260 21st Street

6/7 2535 Queen Anne's Lane
6/17 2533 Queen Anne's Lane
6/27 1124 25th Street
7/13 2510 Virginia Ave
7/14 621 22nd Street
7/16 2224 F Street
7/31 2222 I Street
7/31 2400 Virginia Ave
8/6 614 23rd Street
8/13 1101 New Hamp Ave
8/15 1121 New Hamp Ave
8/17 600 20th Street

Stolen Auto

6/7 955 26th Street 1984 Jeep
6/13 2400 I Street 1984 Toyota
6/14 618 23rd Street 1991 Geo Storm
6/16 2400 N Street 1989 Peugeot
6/21 23rd & L Street 1991 Ford
7/7 500 23rd Street 1991 Jeep
7/24 2300 F Street 1984 Toyota Corolla
7/25 1010 25th Street 1986 Oldsmobile
7/27 2100 M Street 1992 Mitsubishi
8/1 2100 Ward Place 1989 BMW
8/11 1200 New Hamp Ave 1990 Nissan
8/23 922 24th Street 1984 Toyota Celica
8/23 900 24th Street 1988 Acura Integra
8/25 1200 New Hamp Ave 1986 Dodge Colt
8/26 2200 M Street 1987 Chevrolet Blazer
8/28 2500 M Street not reported

Larceny from Auto

June 31 thefts
July 32 thefts
August 51 thefts

Indecent Exposure

8/26 1255 New Hamp Ave 1:40a

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. Assist by reporting non-emergency, suspicious activity to the Metropolitan Police Department at 727-4326. Call 911 for emergencies.

In fairness to Western, I hope that you will include some coverage of the action by the Department of the Interior which is described in the enclosed letter. I think your readers deserve to know that not only the local but Federal historic preservation authorities do not deem Western worthy of landmark status. This is evidence that the HPRB decision was not the result of staff bias but based on facts in the case.

Rev. John Wimberly
Pastor

Western Presbyterian Church

(Following are excerpts from Jerry L. Rogers, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, and Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, in response to the FBA and ANC2A appeal of the DC HPRB Officer's refusal to nominate the Western Presbyterian Church to the National Register of Historic Places.)

"After carefully reviewing the entire record in this matter, including the Application for Historic Landmark status, the report prepared by Traceries on behalf of the appellant (Foggy Bottom Association), the staff report of the DC State historic preservation office, and the testimony contained in the minutes of the State Historic Preservation Review Board meeting of December 18, 1991, at which the eligibility of the Western Presbyterian Church was considered, I am denying your appeal. I concur with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer that the Western Presbyterian Church does not meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation.

The central issue of this appeal is whether the church building individually meets the National Register Criteria. The Western Presbyterian Church would probably qualify as a good contributing building in any number of historic districts in the District of Columbia, but it is not located in a historic district. The connection between the WP Church and the immediately surrounding Foggy Bottom residential area in which it was built has been severed; over time, the row houses and small apartment buildings which once characterized the neighborhood have been demolished and replaced with large scale office buildings. Within the context of the historic and architectural heritage of the District of Columbia, the WP Church does not qualify for individual listing in the National Register.

The District of Columbia possesses a rich collection of ecclesiastical architecture and a number of churches historically significant for their role in the history and development of Washington. The WP Church, constructed in 1930-32 by Philadelphia architect Norman Hulme, is a representative example of the small neighborhood churches built in the Gothic Revival type in the early 20th century. Within the architectural context of Washington churches individually listed in the National Register, it does not rise above the commonplace. It does not have the architectural qualities of design or workmanship to meet the National Register Criterion C. It is not the work of a master, nor does it have high artistic value. The WP Church does not meet National Register Criterion A for historical significance. It has not been demonstrated that the building is important for any association with significant events in the history of the District of Columbia. While the building has faithfully served as the place of worship for its congregation since its construction, this does not qualify for Criterion A."

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Lamb Responds to Wimberly

Rev. Wimberly's letter correctly quotes the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, Department of Interior, on the merits of a landmark application for the Western Presbyterian Church. The FBA filed an appeal to the Keeper after the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) rejected the FBA's application to place the Church on the District of Columbia's state historic register. The appeal to the Keeper of the Register, if successful, would have placed the Church on the national historic register.

Residents of Foggy Bottom/West End should be aware that the Keeper's decision was based on information provided to the HPRB at its original hearing in December. As documented in John Ray's report, which was unanimously approved by the City Council, the HPRB's decision was unfairly biased against the FBA and ANC2A. In addition, a member of the HPRB publicly stated that she was not given the opportunity to ask important questions or make a site visit to the church. Therefore, the appeal to the Keeper was based on biased and incomplete information.

Approximately 500 residents of Foggy Bottom recently submitted a petition to the Mayor asking the HPRB to reconsider the FBA's application to designate the Western Presbyterian Church. Many in the community believe that the Church has significant historic merit. Historic designation of the church should be decided before a fair and open hearing. The FBA and ANC-2A have not had a fair hearing. Most people who have read the Ray report agree. In fact, the HPRB agreed with the FBA and overwhelmingly (7-1) approved a motion to reconsider the case.

Rev. Wimberly incorrectly states the FBA position when he says that the community is using the HPRB process to prevent a homeless feeding program from operating at the church's proposed new location. The homeless issue is totally independent of any consideration of the historic merits of the church. In fact, the FBA has tried to work with the church to keep Miriam's Kitchen in Foggy Bottom. A number of alternative locations were considered including the Red Cross, DAR, and GWU. Each organization was contacted by the FBA. Unfortunately none could accommodate the program.

According to a recent study by George Washington University, there are currently 8 homeless programs operating in Foggy Bottom/West End. The FBA has not tried to close or move any of these programs. We are not against the homeless or providers who seek to help the homeless. We simply do not believe that the proposed site for Miriam's Kitchen at 24th and Virginia is appropriate due to its proximity to the Foggy Bottom residential community. We also believe, quite independently, that the church itself has historic merit.

As I have said on many occasions, Rev. Wimberly, the Session of the Western Presbyterian Church and the International Monetary Fund should try to work with the community to forge a solution which addresses each aspect of the proposed development project: historic preservation, programs for the homeless, and the tradeoff between excess building rights and amenities for the community. As always, the FBA is ready and willing to engage in meaningful discussions that will address the concerns of all interested parties.

Chris Lamb
President, FBA

From By-Gone Days

The Old Glass House

The Old Glass House — which stood for about forty years (1809-1849) at the foot of 22nd Street — gave its name to the surrounding settlement, one of the first communities in the Foggy Bottom area. Composed of well-kept houses of the nearly 100 workers employed by the glass factory, this residential section was somewhat isolated from the "main stream" of Washington life, then concentrated between Capitol Hill and 17th Street. Nevertheless, according to old reports, this little colony prospered and enjoyed the attractions of their location.

The Potomac was wider then — and more beautiful. Stately, square-rigged, ocean-going ships plied the river — going and coming — from the thriving port of Georgetown. George Mason's elegant home graced Analo-stan (now Theodore Roosevelt) Island. The Custis spring, at the foot of Arlington Heights, where stands the Custis-Lee Mansion, was a favorite picnic ground of the early inhabitants of Washington. To this spring, the people of the glass factory crossed the river in large rowboats and flatboats.

Old records cite the "charm and the hospitality" of George Washington Parke Custis, builder of Arlington Mansion as we know it today. "He loved to have the people come to the Custis spring and built a large pavilion for the dances of the young people. He always brought an old man-servant with him to the picnic ground to help with the serving, and would play the violin by the hour for the young folks to dance, though he often stripped the pavilion of its dancers by beginning to relate anecdotes about General Washington."

The poignancy of the lost laughter known at Arlington by early residents has been

heightened as the grounds of Arlington have become the final resting place of our armed forces. Today, the newly tragic soil of Arlington seems ever more removed from the gentle gaiety of summer evenings long ago.

Long ago, too, the years began to wreak change upon the glass factory and the lives of those connected with it. After reaching its peak of success around 1822 when the factory advertised its promise to fill "orders from any part of the continent," the factory began to fail. Old newspaper accounts say that the construction of the Long Bridge damaged the waterfront and that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal thrust its waterway through the glass house wharf. The Canal also cut across the

mouth of the little creek that drained the valley and left the factory — and its settlement at the end of a swamp which became a breeding ground for mosquitos and malaria.

The Potomac also began to silt up and the factory no longer could bring in its ships filled with sand from Prince George's Island — and the potash from Philadelphia. When the Prince George's Island sand supply was cut off to avoid reducing the size of the Island, the factory's days were numbered. After the closing in 1849, the surrounding community deteriorated beyond any semblance of its former prosperity and then — vanished.

by Mary K. Manzoli, Historian
(From December 1963
Foggy Bottom News)

Items of Interest from the DC Register

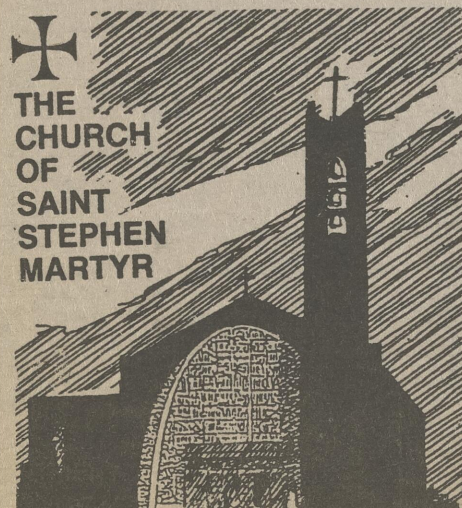
By Barbara F. Kahlow

Notices of Public Meetings

- 7/8 City Council roundtable to Improve the Operation of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs)
- 8/12 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board on L&N Seafood at 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue
- 9/30 ABC Board (room 807, 614 H Street, NW) on Foggy Bottom Grocery at 2140 F Street

Other Notices

- 7/10 Department of Human Services notice of closing — within 30 days — of Foggy Bottom homeless trailers at 27th and I Streets (comments due 8/10)
- 6/5 Zoning Commission's 5/11 order for Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 2225 N Street, by 3-0 vote
- 8/7 Zoning Commission's 7/13 order for AGC PUD at 19th & E Streets, by 4-0 vote (rezoning from SP-2 to C-3-C, 7.96 FAR, 107 feet, 55 apartments, 200 parking spaces)
- 7/31 After 2nd City Council vote, full text of Comprehensive Plan Land Use Maps Approval Resolution of 1992, including downzoning of north side of Pennsylvania Avenue between Washington Circle & Rock Creek Park
- 6/19 Mayor reappointment/appointment of 8 members of Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB), including Charles Cassell, Joyce Batipps, Edward Dunson, Gloria Freeman, James Kane, Gregory McCarthy, Charles Robertson & Robert Sonderman — effective 6/5/92
- 7/17 Mayor appointment of HPRB Chair — Charles Cassell, effective 7/1/92



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Happy 100th Birthday . . . Margaret Chappell



"Promise you won't forget about me, ever. Not even when I'm a hundred . . ." So said Christopher Robin to Pooh Bear and so it was appropriately expressed for Margaret Chappell who celebrated her 100th birthday at St. Mary's Court in July. Chappell lived at St. Mary's for some years before moving to the Washington Home but returned on this day to celebrate with all her Christopher Robin friends and there were many. On the program was the quote with a sketch of the duo that began this write-up in her honor.

The sun-filled dining hall was friend-filled as well. Family came from here and there, even one grandson with his family from Brazil. Foggy Bottom visitors and St. Mary's personnel were there too. Many had known her for years when she resided there. It was a splendid celebration.

Chappell entered the room with a helium-filled Happy Birthday balloon tied to her chair. And the journey to the head table was quite a lengthy trip since so many well-wishers stopped her along the way.

Barbara Brunton, director of St. Mary's, was mistress of ceremonies and moved the program happily along with a com-

memoration by Ruth Matthews, a musical selection "He's Got Margaret Chappell in His Hands" by Pearl Mallory, followed with reminiscences by family and friends and musical selections by Diana Hunter.

At the reception which followed was a huge cake with lots and lots of candles (after all it was her 100th birthday) appeared, and Chappell received extra blow-power from her great grandchildren. Among all of them they got the job done. Ice cream and champagne were also served to all the guests and

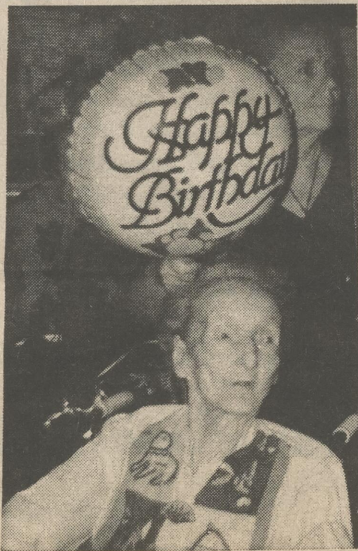


Photo by Betty Olsen

Chappell took a moment with each and everyone for the joyous occasion for not only her but for all who attended.

Bill Matthews was also overseeing the party on behalf of St. Mary's along with Brunton as were many others really too numerous to mention.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARGARET CHAPPELL. And as Christopher Robin would've said to Pooh Bear . . . the promise was kept.

Betty Olsen

Executive Board Elected in June

At the June meeting, Chris Lamb was re-elected President of the Foggy Bottom Association. A new Secretary (with a familiar name) was elected, Betty Olsen, and new Board members are Bill Larson of the Bonwit and Jon Nowick of Potomac Overlook. Bob Brewster, a past president, joined the Board after several years' sabbatical.

Henrietta Zoltrow was re-elected Vice President; Anne Lomas, Treasurer, and Grace Watson Membership Director. Barbara Kahlow, Richard Price and Sandra Vonetes were re-elected to the Board. Elayne DeVito and Ellie Becker are again ex officio members.

Notices to Note

ISO: Friendly eight-month old boy in search of peers of either gender to form play group. Please communicate expressions of interest to my mom, Jill Barker, at 338-5187(H) or 342-0800(W).

Law student with Hungarian background wants to maintain Hungarian language skills — if you speak and want to meet, please call Mike at 202-862-4598.

The Consumer Mediation Clinic at GWU's National Law Center provides a free dispute resolution service to help consumers resolve complaints with local businesses. Students who staff the Clinic act as neutral intermediaries in attempting to help the parties negotiate fair and reasonable settlements to their disputes. Phone 775-8567 between 9am and 5pm, Monday through Friday.

The American Lung Association will sponsor a Freedom from Smoking clinic at the National Capital YMCA, located at 1711 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. The program begins on Monday, October 5 from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., and involves 7 weekly sessions. Registration in advance is required; the fee is \$60 per participant. For information, contact Kim Moore at 628-LUNG.

Thoughts From One Who Visited The Shelter The City Would Like to Close

I went the other day to Foggy Bottom Shelter to learn. I really wasn't sure what I wanted to know.

I walked through the door, bringing my fears, disgusts, but also my curiosity with me. Timorously I entered this den of social ills, named for the neighborhood which earnestly wished to be rid of this nuisance.

Gaining courage, I began studying faces of those who considered Foggy Bottom their own.

My heart was mixed with pity and contempt for those poor souls. These people choosing to live this degrading lifestyle.

Yet I was struck by differences in personality, in temperament, in character and in aspirations of each person residing in this place called "rest."

I realized that, yes, it was bad choices that landed most into this place. Yes — drugs, alcohol, slothfulness, and assorted other bad decisions, based on mindless ignorance and weak will.

But as I watched the faces, listened to the stories, observed the false bravado of those making claims of grandeur that likely never was, I realized in each was a person, a hurt, a need, a feeling, and especially — a hope.

None enjoyed the condition in which he now existed.

None liked the dismissal nor condescension of those who chose at whim whether to give or not.

None wanted to be regarded as social refuse, which was the look in the eye of each passer-by who furtively glanced their way.

And slowly it began to dawn on me, that the needs of those inside were no different than my own, and that the more I understood myself, the more I could understand them.

And I realized that what I need most is love and concern, which is what those in the shelter longed for so desperately. In that, we were the same. I suppose that my capacity to receive what I needed made me different from those in that shelter . . . and not much else.

Marcel A. Newsome
Shelter Volunteer

Visitors and volunteers are welcome at the shelter and a coalition has formed to deal with issues relating to homelessness in the Foggy Bottom area. Interested people can drop by at 7:30 pm on Tuesday nights to participate in a forum discussion. The location for the meetings is 1041 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007. Contact person for both the Foggy Bottom shelter and the meetings is Mr. Roy Walker at 333-3808.

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12/8/92 Lufthansa Christmas Concert — Evening
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By Betty Olsen

Just love to get mail and especially these days from Safeway. They always send something fun — like this time certificates for a free 5lb bag of Russett potatoes (if Quayle had used the plural he would've gotten away with the "e"), \$1 off in any specialty department like the deli, seafood or floral departments, and then \$1.50 off anything in the store. Just use your Safeway card when you make your selections. Why is it such fun to get something for nothing — ho, ho, ho — as if all of us don't pick up a few millyun things to buy to get the free ones. It does make one feel as though they care about you by sending you the certificates. Thanks, Safeway, and keep those cards and letters coming.

West End Citizens Association meeting will be held Saturday, October 17th, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the State Plaza Hotel at 2116 F Street, NW. A social hour will follow the meeting.

Casey's celebrated its fifth anniversary at its "in" location on L Street. They have called that home longer than any other establishment in that location. Happy Anniversary! Stop by to tell them in person and tell them you read it in the *Foggy Bottom News*.

Fiore's was written up in the Dining Out section of the Washington Weekend in *The Washington Times* over the summer. Have you been there yet? It is in the Inn at Foggy Bottom within walking distance for us all.

Received a call from a resident in Columbia Plaza before our summer break saying that the dumpster had been moved from the front of the complex. Hey, how about that power of the press, the *Foggy Bottom News*. Let's hear it, Yes!

Also received a call from Yves Gisse, IMF, too late for last issue but who cares, his cultural French accent is always nice to hear. Said something about Spain, something about culture, something about exhibit, ahhh, even snails in their shells sounds good with a french accent.

Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and her motor office is coming to our neighborhood on Friday, October 9. It will be at the Watergate complex, 2550 Virginia Avenue NW, from 4:30 to 8:00 PM. Get your questions ready and stop by to see her for the answers.

Did you attend the Taste of West End in July? Restaurants taking part in this year's go-around at the ANA Hotel were: ANA's own Bistro, Aroma, Blackie's House of Beef, Brasil Tropical, Casey's Bar and Grille, City Cafe, Lulu's New Orleans Cafe, Panevino, Madeo, Old Dominion Beer, One Washington Circle's West End Cafe, Park Hyatt's Melrose, Sheraton City Centre Hotel's Washington Grill, Unkai, and Wyndham Bristol Hotel's Bristol Grill. And . . . a good time was had by all!!!! What is the date for '93???????

Tom Murphy and Associates held a Broker's Open House at the Potomac Plaza during the month of September with food fare; several properties on the market were shown.

Michael Mears is now in the real estate market with Murphy. Both are Prudential realtors.

Professional painter and muralist Beverlee Ahlin calls her approach to painting "The Zen of Seeing," a path of meditation and way of getting in intimate touch with the visible world around us and, through it, with ourselves. Her workshops are designed for those who want to explore and expand their artistic talents. With some accent on color, the emphasis will be put on gaining a new way of seeing. Participants will be encouraged to work free while keeping their own sense of artistic direction. These outdoor workshops offer demonstrations and teacher/student critiques.

Ahlin was educated at Boston University, George Washington University, and the Smithsonian Institute in Oriental Brushwork. She is listed in Who's Who in American Women, and is the founder of the Boat House Art School. Her work can be seen at

the Watergate Gallery.

The workshops are Sept. 25, 26, & 27th from 10-3. For information contact the Watergate Gallery (202) 338-4488.

Dan Kibbler of Casey's attended a friend's wedding in England over the summer. He made his reservation early and then the price war of the airlines began and he exchanged for a better ticket price and then the war continued so he went back for even a better price. It is Kibbler's first trip to olde London Town so ask him all about it. Then, Dan, you tell me, so I can hear how many people read about you in this column. Slippery, huh? Slip-sliding-along-slip-sliding-along da, da, da!

Enclosed in all the ad billings in July was a ThankYou, ThankYou, ThankYou letter to all the advertisers. A few of the mentions in this column hopefully might spark your efforts to let us know of anything that would be of interest to readers: an experience on a trip this summer, or last summer, or a recipe that we will go bonkers over, or a hobby you enjoy and you think we might also, or write us at Bob Brewster's other place, the West End Library, and we'll take a look at it and see if it is right for our pages. Or if you don't have a stamp handy when you are out on your walk drop it by at the Claridge House desk, 950 25th Street, N.W. with my name on it and my flat number, 403 North. Enclose your phone number so after it is noted we can call you with compliments or comments. How about pictures of your summer times or family visits, or outings in the Bottom? Anything that interests you interests us well . . . almost . . . anything. Anyway share with us and we'll pick and choose (someone has to do it) with the others. Don Tobey, Rennie Melonson, Joe O'Donnell, Kirsten Olsen, just to name a few do, and we would love to include you too. Awww come on, you'll enjoy it especially since the *Foggy Bottom News* is printed for and by the citizens of Foggy Bottom, that means you as well as us.

FBA's Fall Festival — Be There!

Final preparations are being made for the Annual Foggy Bottom Association Fall Festival. The Festival will be held Saturday, October 3 from 12:00-noon to 4:00 pm on the Eye Street Mall between 23rd and 24th Streets, NW (near the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station). Mark your calendar now and be sure to invite a few friends to enjoy this wonderful neighborhood festival in historic Foggy Bottom.

Featured at this year's festival will be a Giant White Elephant Sale which is sure to be the largest "yard" sale in Foggy Bottom's history. Some terrific donations have been received, such as an exercise bike, radios, microwave, vases, juicers, VCR, pictures, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, etc., etc. If you are looking for that something special to add to your apartment or home, you will probably find it on the White Elephant table. Come early and bring a neighbor, friend or visitor.

The Silent Auction will feature gift certificates from Foggy Bottom/West End restaurants and businesses. We will have about 30 items to bid on including dinner for two at a variety of local restaurants and weekend accommodations at local hotels. The certificates make great gifts!

Homemade Baked Goods made by Foggy Bottom's finest bakers will be for sale. Also featured at the festival will be musical entertainment by Foggy Bottom's own folk singer Eileen Joyner and food samplings from several local restaurants. Casey's will be grilling chicken and hamburgers, and the Pasta Cart will be on location with pizza and pasta. After some shopping, be sure to enjoy the food and entertainment.

The following community services will also host information booths at the festival: West End Library, GWU, Police, Fire Department, Voter Registration, and others.

If you would like more information about the festival, please contact either Elayne DeVito during the day at (202) 828-8112 or the evening at (202) 223-8393 or Chris or Mary Lamb in the evenings at (202) 223-6308. Volunteers are also needed. See you at the Festival! Sunday, October 4 is the rain date.

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The Mystery of Shady Pines

By Donald Tobey

Part III

I knew that Lucy must have had a restless night.

What could be the mystery of the lost veteran at Shady Pines? Would it be Doug, or the shell of some other poor devil, a wordless invalid living out his last weary days in the never-never land of a veterans hospital?

So I was up early and at her door and Lucy was waiting. She was pale and subdued and only smiled a little when I tried to cheer her up. "Going to be a clear day; we'll make good time, we can make it and to spare," I said.

"Yes," said Lucy, "might as well relax."

So we were quickly on our way, across the Potomac and on old Highway 95. We didn't talk much, Lucy was lost in her thoughts. With a piece of the trip behind us, we stopped for a late breakfast, then on toward Raleigh.

Now the old Caddie '59, my General Lee, is a classic, and whenever I take it out people come look and someone almost always says, "Can I take it off your hands?" And with that big motor, you ease up to eighty so smooth, you don't hardly have time to catch it.

So of course, there was the siren and this young trooper was looking at my registration. His little mustache sort of twitched; he wasn't friendly, but polite.

"I thought I was about fifty-

five," I said. "Give it sixty, possibly."

"Seventy-eight," he said, "I'm putting down seventy two."

"The car is a '59," I said. "I wouldn't dare push it."

The trooper gave me the eye. "This job will do ninety like in a rocking chair," he said. "I'm putting down seventy two." He ripped off the ticket.

"Look, Officer," I said, "We have a very important meeting at Veterans Hospital, Shady Pines. Can we go to the justice or somebody right now, get it over with?"

"I guess so," said the officer. "Follow me."

It was a little shed sort of building, off the highway, with a green light over the door.

Justice of the Peace Orvis Pritchard hardly looked up. "Seventy two miles an hour," he said. "You know there's fifty-five mile limit?"

"I know," I said. "The officer must have caught me passing somebody. I watch the speedometer all the time."

"What you got to watch is your foot," said the greybeard. "The officer says seventy two; I got to take his word. Mr. — Houlihan?" For the first time, the justice really looked at me.

"Matt Houlihan," I said. "Houlihan? Foggy Bottom?" said the J.P. He leaned over, "You ever hear Blue Devils baseball team, Little League?"

"We played the Blue Devils

in Coatesville, right down this way," I said. "I helped coach the Foggy Bottom Wildcats."

"And I helped coach the Blue Devils," said the J.P. "This is Coatesville country. Your team came a long way to get beat."

"We should have won easy," I said. "The umpire was blind, calling that three-bagger a hit."

"It was a fair call; your outfielder dropped the ball. What's wrong with that?"

"Except he caught it clean," I said. "It was when he wound up to throw in that he dropped the ball."

"We had Mooney a lot, no complaints," said the J.P.

"Well, you got one now," I said. "We wanted to take up a collection, to buy Mooney a seeing eye dog."

"Scrappy little team you had there," said the Justice. "I guess we outweighed you ten pounds a man."

"We'd like to even up any time," I said, "given we got an umpire not half blind in his good eye."

The Justice sat back and held up the ticket. "Seein' as Mr. Houlihan has apologized," he said to the trooper, "and understands our concern about speedin'," he leaned forward, severe. "I'm makin' this a warning, this time."

"Thanks, Judge," I said, "I'll certainly remember."

We were back on the highway, at a sort of boring fifty-five. Lucy hadn't said a word so far. She looked over. "That," she said, "was something."

"It was a fair catch," I said. "The ump needed a pair of binoculars."

"He was blind as a bat," said Lucy.

Somehow we cheered up a little. But we had lost time, and with a wrong turn beyond Raleigh going toward the ocean, it was past 7:00 when we came to this desolate old four-story wooden building, a sure fire-trap, in a clearing of scrub pines. Its blank windows were like sightless eyes, staring at us. There was a thunderstorm brewing, and it was almost dark, and we could hear the steady rustle of the surf beyond the dunes.

"Anyway," I said. "We'll let them know we're here."

It was two downbeat people who went into the dreary little reception room. Kurt Bunting, by the sign at the desk, looked up as we interrupted his reading of the sports page.

"Doc Holloway gets out of here at five," he said. "Nothin'

much doin' till morning."

"We know," I said. "We got held up. Just tell the Doctor we'll be here first thing in the morning."

A bleary-eyed old fellow in a ragged bathrobe struggled to his feet at the side.

"Not for you, Barkie," said Bunting sharply. To us: "He always thinks it's his son come for him."

"Not very often," I guessed.

"Not in three years," said Bunting, and went back to the sports page.

After this, the Days Inn down the road seemed almost inviting.

We were the only people in the prim little coffee shop. "You've got to get something in your stomach," I said. "Best rule I know." I pushed the dark hair up on her pale forehead.

Lucy looked tired and drawn. She only picked at the salad, did a little better on the custard dessert. I saw her to her room upstairs. "Now you take a good hot bath, and one of those sleeping pills, and it will seem better in the morning."

For a long time in my room I tossed and turned, and I guessed Lucy the same. In the morning in the coffee shop Lucy was very pale and seemed to be running on her reserve.

"I can't seem to accept it," said Lucy. "After I closed the door, now will it mean going back?"

"We'll have it cleared up pretty soon," I said. "I have a feeling it will all be ok," and wished I felt more sure.

"I had this awful nightmare," said Lucy. "It was night, so black, and I was outside this

huge ugly hospital, and the lights went out in all the windows except one, and then I was inside this black prison, and the door clanged shut behind me, and I couldn't get out forever and ever."

"It's daylight now," I said, "and I'm right with you, and we'll have it over soon." I squeezed her hand. "It's going to be OK."

Shady Pines looked less forbidding by daylight. But as we stepped into the shabby reception room the smell hit us again. But the nurse, Miss Ahearn, was helpful and concerned. "I know about it," she said. "Doctor Holloway is anxious to see you."

Doctor Holloway appeared, white-haired, somehow fragile in his starched white coat. He was kindly and took Lucy's hand. "I have to warn you," he said, "these men, some of them, have been just existing here all these years. Thompson — they just picked a name — he hasn't talked at all, or seemed to comprehend much, since he was transferred here three-four years ago from Long Island." He tapped his head. "Brain damage. Anyway we'll see what happens."

"I'll wait here," I said. "Might be best."

The doctor picked up some papers and limped off down the corridor, wagging his head and talking earnestly to Lucy.

Now I have been in tight places before, a squeaker in a regional playoff, a young kid hurt, don't know how bad, in a

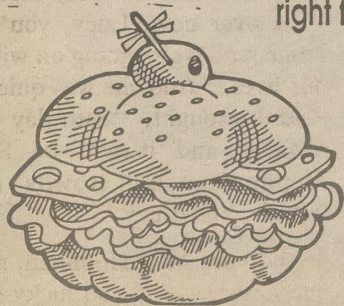
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hard play. But not to wait it out like this.

Down the corridor I could see the end of a lounge room, and heard the cackling of the TV. An attendant, pushing a bumping wheelchair with an old fellow wrapped in a bathrobe, came down the corridor. "Barfoot here keeps saying there's got to be a letter his daughter wrote a few days ago."

"If it's not in his box he doesn't have one," said Nurse Ahearn curtly. "Wait a minute." She picked a letter from the back counter. "They put it in the wrong box," she said accusingly.

The old fellow pressed the letter to his chest as the attendant wheeled him back to the lounge. Nurse Ahearn was defensive. "We got a few troublemakers," she said and went back to the daysheet. Then she looked up, more charitable. "There's coffee if you want some," she said. "It's got to be a little while."

I sat down on the sagging wicker sofa, but I couldn't stay still. "Guess I'll take a breather," I said. "OK if I look around?"

"Of course," said the nurse. "I'm sure it will be a few minutes."

I stepped out upon the scraggly lawn and breathed deeply. The thunderstorm had cleared the air and I could hear the surf dimly beyond the sand bank. Off to the back, a kind of vegetable garden, sandy soil and miserable shape. An old fellow in brown coveralls was hoeing a little around the beanhills. "We don't have to work in the garden, but it's a chance to get out of that." He motioned toward the building. Another old fellow wandered over. "Jungle patrols, they come from nowhere," he said. "Too many men lost. Bad!"

"No more patrols, Tom!" said the first, sharply. "It's over!" To me, "Thinks he's still in 'Nam. To see somebody, you got to go to reception."

I climbed the sandy bank, and listened to the surf rolling in across the wide beach below. Endless, without purpose, like the lives of the poor souls inside. Back to the reception room; the nurse shook her head. But a moment later, the sound of voices and the doctor and Lucy appeared.

The moment I saw Lucy, I knew a great weight had been lifted from her shoulders.

"Mrs. Cameron has been most helpful," said the doctor, taking Lucy's hand.

"I'll get you any information I can," said Lucy, "and thank you."

The doctor turned to me. "You understand, there's so many forms and records, they get lost, or they're not complete. Long Island, that's so big — so many papers! Wish I could say

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Saturday, October 3: D.C. Preservation League tour of the restored City Post Office near Union Station. For reservations (\$12) call 737-1519.

Saturday, October 3: FOGGY BOTTOM FALL FESTIVAL, Eye Street Mall (near the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station). Music, food, fellowship, and a giant white elephant sale will be featured. 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Rain date: Sunday, October 4.

Monday, October 5: Freedom from Smoking Clinic, 1711 Island Avenue, N.W. (YMCA). Contact Kim Moore at 682-LUNG.

Thursday, October 8: Lecture: "Arthur Keyes: Going Modern in Classical Washington," a retrospective of Keyes' architectural career (new Art Deco Greyhound bus terminal and Columbia Plaza, Carrollsburg Square and Tiber Island

residential dwellings). Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Members free; non-members \$4. Reception, 6:00 p.m.; Lecture 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8: ANC-2A Meeting, Fonger Hall, #103, 2201 G St., N.W. A presentation from Dept. of Public Works on the Whitehurst Freeway is expected. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17: Victorian Ornament Workshop, for volunteers who would like to learn how to make Christmas tree ornaments. Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Call 785-2068 for information.

Wednesday, October 21: Historic Preservation Review Board Hearing on Western Presbyterian Church, Carnegie Library, Mt. Vernon Square (8th & K Streets, N.W.) 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 29: Halloween Party, ANA Hotel, 24th & M Streets, N.W. 5:00-9:00 p.m. (see story, in next issue).

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this is the only one." He turned to Lucy. "Now, if you'll excuse me, lots of calls, men think they got something or other."

"They called down again about Fittie," said the nurse. "They said urgent."

"Pretty soon, pretty soon," said the doctor. "I got a list. 'So many papers, so many papers,' he muttered, going off down the corridor.

Old Barkie in his bathrobe eyed us fixedly as we turned to leave. We were both glad to step out of the musty reception room into the fresh air, away from the sadness and smell of the hospital.

We looked back one last moment as we climbed into the car. Shady Pines looked less threatening, but still a dreary refuge for the veterans, abandoned and forgotten. "Once they were heroes," I thought. "Now we don't even want to be reminded."

Lucy sat for a moment silent

and I waited more or less patiently. Finally she looked up. "It wasn't Doug, it was Larry; lucky I brought along the snapshot. He looked so — so terribly old, so worn out."

"He didn't react at all, you couldn't get through to him?"

"Nothing. The doctor says his brain, what could recognize or respond, it's gone. He just — sits. They were throwing out things, they found Doug's dogtags. That raised the question."

I nodded. "And now — he's got someone?"

"Only a sister. I'll try to find her, but it's been years." — She breathed deep. "At first I hoped it would be Doug — then to live like this?"

"I felt the same way," I said. "Then I prayed it wouldn't be Doug, to live out his days in a wheelchair."

"Should I feel some monstrous guilt, not wanting it to be him, like this?"

"Never! No way!" I said. "It wouldn't be any kindness; it would be cruel. And now, say goodbye to what's past, we're going home."

The way home is always quicker, and soon we were back in the fast traffic of old 95 and General Lee was happy. It was almost nine when we saw the Potomac and the lights of Kennedy Center, then into Foggy Bottom, and home.

At the door I took her in my arms and held her very close. "It's over now, Lucy, you're home, and we're going on with our lives." And she was quiet. And I thought, "Saturday is coming, and it will be St. Stephen's, and crowds of friends, and Lucy."

And you, Matt Houlihan, no one deserves to be so lucky as you." Except I had no idea of the stunning surprise in store, for Lucy and me.

Many, Many Thanks

The FBA has received numerous contributions from members of the community to assist in the Association's efforts to have the Western Presbyterian Church given historic designation. The funds are most welcome, needed for a variety of expenses involved in the project. As outlined in the story on page 1, FBA's application for historic designation of the Church will receive a full, regular hearing on Wednesday, October 21.

Following are the names of some of the generous people in Foggy Bottom who sent in checks during the summer for this project. We thank them for their generosity.

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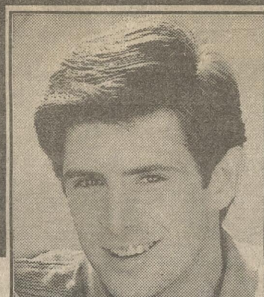
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